

WEATHER FORECAST.

Fair and warmer to-day; tomorrow probably fair.

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PERILS OF FLOOD STILL MENACING; GREST TO COME

St. Francis Levees Are Now Cause for Greatest Concern.

DISTRESS AREA WIDENS

River Men Surprised by the Stout Resistance of Memphis Levees to Waters.

Memphis, Tenn., April 4.—The giving way of levees at scattered localities on the Mississippi from Cairo, Ill., to New Orleans, La., a distance of several hundred miles, to-day added to the damage already done by the unprecedented flood passing down the country's main waterway to the Gulf of Mexico.

No further loss of life has been reported, but the damage done by the breaks at Cairo, Ill., Hickman, Ky., and lower river points has increased the financial loss to more than \$5,000,000. To-night the great stream is slowly and steadily rising, with the crest yet to come. Vigilance has been redoubled to prevent further loss of life; all possible relief measures over this great stretch of territory are being taken by both Federal and State authorities, while the area of distress is rapidly widening.

One Point Critical.

Train service throughout the great central valley of the country is demoralized and business in many localities is suspended. To-night the great levees north and west of Memphis are still holding, to the surprise of river men, who, familiar with the flood phenomena, predicted last night that the great earthworks could not resist the enormous pressure of water against them for another twenty-four hours.

Although there is a great deal of suffering and damage along the entire reaches of the great stream, perhaps the most critical situation exists with respect to the St. Francis levees. Should there be a break, the entire St. Francis basin, which lies entirely in the State of Arkansas, and covers several counties dotted with hundreds of populous cities and towns, would be flooded. Already a part of this territory is covered by backwater from small streams tributary to the Mississippi.

Levees Break at Cairo.

The breaking of the two levees just north of Cairo early to-day added to the financial loss in that district and put a stop to train traffic into the city. The Mobile and Ohio, which runs along the low-lying country to the south, has been out of commission for two days, and the Illinois Central was hit to-day. Food is running short in the city of Cairo, and arrangements are being made to supply the immediate wants by boat.

An army quartermaster, with a corps of assistants, will be sent to-day to Memphis, making their way down the river in boats and landing wherever a distress signal is seen.

The situation at Hickman shows no improvement. The Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad, which transfers its trains across the river here on ferry boats, is out of business. Gasoline boats are making trips across the river into Missouri and up and down the stream, night and day bringing in refugees, nearly all of whom are in a pitiable state of exhaustion.

The task of caring for the refugees is difficult. A number of hospital tents have been erected on the surrounding hills and several of them are filled with patients. The business section of the city is practically obliterated.

FOSS WITHDRAWS NAME FROM BALLOT

Boston, April 4.—Gov. Foss withdrew his name to-night from the presidential preference primary ballot. In taking this action the governor said, in a letter: "I regret to learn that representatives of one or more of the avowed candidates for the Presidency are in Boston to withdraw their names. A deeply appreciate the courtesy, but if only one name appears on the ballot there will be no chance for a popular expression of preference."

The governor's action is considered highly favorable to Speaker Clark's candidacy.

STANDING OF CANDIDATES.

The standing of the Presidential candidates last night, according to the latest information received at the respective headquarters, was as follows:

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| Delegates in convention..... | 1,074 |
| Necessary to choose..... | 538 |
| Claimed for Taft..... | 238 |
| Claimed for Roosevelt..... | 241 |
| Claimed for Wilson..... | 31 |
| Claimed for Foss..... | 34 |
| Claimed for Cummings..... | 2 |
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AUTO STOLEN WHILE HE WAS AT DINNER

While Reginald H. Hildekoper, assistant United States attorney, was at dinner early last evening in his palatial residence, at 104 Eighteenth street northwest, a thief drove away in his Cadillac touring car, which had been left by the chauffeur in front of the house.

An hour after the theft was discovered by a servant the police in every section of the city were looking for the missing machine and the person or persons who drove it away. The police believe the machine is in possession of a party on a "joy ride" and will be found abandoned.

SAYS SOCIALISM IS DUE IN CHINA

London, April 4.—The Daily Telegraph prints a remarkable interview with Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the retiring provisional president of the Chinese republic in Shanghai, in which Dr. Sun says the future policy of the new empire will be directed toward socialism, and that the change from the rule of the Manchu dynasty to the goal in prospect will constitute the greatest social revolution the world has ever known.

"I am an ardent follower of Henry George," says Dr. Sun, "whose ideas are practicable on the virgin soil of China as compared with their impracticability in Europe or the United States, where the money is controlled by capitalists."

SUPPOSEDLY SLAIN, BROTHER RETURNS

Middletown, N. Y., April 4.—Theodore Furman, the nineteen-year-old youth whose brother, Eugene and Joseph, accused each other of having murdered on the night of November 11, 1911, arrived in this city to-day, and with his return the mystery of the clender car murder has become so deep that it is doubtful if it will ever be solved.

A human skull attached to the right shoulder arm was found in a car of hot clenders on Ontario and Western streets near this city on January 8, Theodore Furman, a railroad fireman, had been slain since November 11. A piece of cloth coat on the charred bones matched a pair of trousers which Theodore Furman had worn. Eugene Furman, servant, was arrested and told the police that his brother, Joseph, had killed his brother, Theodore, in a quarrel, had cut the body up and buried it in the clender car. Joseph Furman was arrested and said that Eugene had killed Theodore. Theodore Furman says he left home without telling his folks because he was disgusted with railroad work and wanted to try something else.

TO USE DICTAGRAPH AGAINST DARROW

New York, April 4.—With the return to the city to-day of Secretary Walter Drew, of the National Directors Association, came a report that evidence incriminating a labor union official of national prominence with the McNamara dynamiters had been obtained by government prosecutors. Drew would not admit the truth of the report.

"I can tell you this much, however," said Mr. Drew. "The dictagraph will play probably the chief part in the conviction of Clarence Darrow, who was attorney for the McNamara. We are prepared to prove by the little mechanical device some very startling conversations between Darrow and his associates, his detective, in the bribery case."

WIFE NOW GRANTS COOKE A DIVORCE

Former Pastor Will Soon Be Free to Marry Floretta Whalley.

New York, April 4.—Mrs. Marinda Clarke Cooke, whose husband, the Rev. Jere Cooke, rector of the fashionable St. George's Church, at Hempstead, whose eloquence with pretty little Floretta Whalley furnished one of the greatest sensations five years ago, announced to-night that she had finally decided to divorce the unfortunates. "When he first brought this disgrace upon us," said the former minister's wife, at the home of her parents, in Hartford, Conn., to-night, "I firmly resolved that he should never be free to marry that girl so long as I live. Since that time I have been daily conversing with God, and I have been advised that my marriage to Cooke was merely a 'man-made' marriage, and not a 'God-made' marriage."

"Therefore, in the near future I will institute a divorce action in the courts here and release myself from that man and permit him and the girl to do what ever they please."

This expression from the deserted wife followed upon the knowledge that the former minister and the girl, with their two little children, had finally decided to return to the East again, after a five-year residence on the Pacific Coast.

W. C. T. U. PROTESTS WINE AT LAUNCHING

"The Texas," which will be the first battle ship to carry an armament of the new fourteen-inch guns, will be launched May 15, according to an announcement from the Navy Department.

Taft's MESSAGE RAPS PATRONAGE

Tells Congress Transfer of Political Employees and Merit System Is Needed.

SEES \$10,000,000 SAVING

With the announcement that a saving of \$10,000,000 can be effected by the elimination from government service of duplicate and greater concentration, President Taft, in his special message to the proposed "economy and efficiency" reorganization of the departments sent to Congress yesterday, supplements many changes to his prior message of January 17.

Opposes "Federal Patronage." Chief among the changes suggested in the President's message is that employees of the Post-office Department, Internal Revenue and customs service should be on the classified list of civil service employees. The change proposed relates directly to political appointments, and is in effect the recommendation that "Federal patronage," which has been the cause of so much bitter comment on the part of the President's opponents, be done away with.

The report furthermore suggests that the lighthouse and life-saving services be consolidated into one bureau, and that the vessels and equipment of the Revenue Cutter Service be transferred from the Treasury Department to the Department of Commerce and Labor. On these two propositions alone the President expects to save \$1,000,000 a year.

Further saving can be accomplished, says the message, by placing pension agents on the classified list; by abolishing the office of receiver of district land offices, and the consolidation of auditing offices under one auditor; by an improved method of handling correspondence; by centralization in the distribution of government documents; and by the discontinuance of the publication of an official register.

To Classify Postmasters.

"In my message submitted to the Congress on January 17, I referred to the loss occasioned to the government because of the fact that in many cases two persons have been paid for doing work that could easily be paid for by one. In the meantime I have caused an inquiry to be made as to the amount in money of this loss. The results of this inquiry are that the loss amounts to at least \$10,000,000 annually.

"For example, it appears that a very material economy would result from putting experienced and trained officers in charge of the first and second class post-offices instead of selecting the postmasters in accordance with the present practice. As the annual operating expenses of the first and second class offices aggregate the enormous sum of more than \$50,000,000, undoubtedly if the postmasters of these offices were given the same salaries now given to the assistant postmasters, the latter position being no longer required, there would be a saving in salaries to the government of \$4,512,000.

"If the position of postmaster were placed in the classified service and those officers were given salaries equal to 25 per cent more than the salaries now given to the assistant postmasters, the latter position being no longer required, there would be a saving in salaries to the government of \$4,512,000.

Asks \$250,000 for Work.

"In the interest of an efficient and economical administration of the vast business of the government, I urge the necessity for the inauguration of this important reform, and recommend that the necessary amendments be made to the laws governing appointments, and amendments to take effect on or after July 1, 1913, so that there may be secured to the people the benefits to be derived from a conduct of their affairs by officers selected on a merit basis and devoting their time and talents solely to the duties of their offices.

"Again I urge upon the Congress the desirability of providing whatever funds can be used effectively to carry forward with all possible vigor the work now being begun. The \$250,000 required for the prosecution of the inquiry into the existing year, and the \$50,000 estimated for the publication of results, are inconsiderable in comparison with the economies which can be realized."

FORMER GOVERNOR AYCOCK IS DEAD

Raleigh, N. C., April 5.—Telegrams announcing that ex-Gov. Aycock, of North Carolina, dropped dead while speaking in Jefferson Theater, Birmingham, Ala., were received here at midnight.

Gov. Aycock had been in feeble health for several months, and only a week ago returned from a Philadelphia sanatorium, where he had spent a month to fortify himself for a strenuous campaign for the United States Senate, which was to have begun here one week from to-night, April 12.

He went to Birmingham Wednesday night. His friends noticed that he was very pale and looked emaciated. It is said to-night that the governor himself knew he had a fatal malady, but hoped to live several years.

His death, although the dispatches do not say so, was probably due to heart disease.

Lillian Regrets Marriage.

New York, April 4.—Lillian Lorraine, the musical comedy actress, has found her domestic experiment incompatible with her professional career, and, choosing between the two, will forsake the former. Her marriage with Frederick Greshelmer of ten days ago was a hastily arranged affair with a leisurely reprieve, according to an announcement made by Miss Lorraine to-day.

\$1.25 Baltimore and Return.

Every Saturday and Sunday, good to return until 9:00 a. m. train Monday, All trains both ways, including the Royal Limited.

Leaves Annuity to Pony.

New York, April 4.—Charlotte Pearsall Walker, who died on March 27 last, bequeathed an annuity of \$500 to her chestnut pony, "Bunny Jim." His will was filed to-day. The testator left an estate valued at more than \$18,000. She willed Lizzie Brown, an old servant, \$100, and gave the residue of her estate to Dr. E. Campbell Douglas, of 18 East Fifty-seventh street, her physician.

PROBE ASSURED ON MAGDALENA BAY

Alleged Colonization by the Japanese Is to Be Aired.

OUTLINE OF SYNDICATE

New York, April 4.—The New York American to-morrow will say:

"Washington, April 4.—Expressing extreme dissatisfaction with the manner in which the State Department has permitted Japan to pull the wool over its eyes as to her intention in Magdalena Bay, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee said to-night that the object of the Lodge resolution is to take the entire problem out of the hands of the department and of the President and invest it in the Senate.

"So anxious was the Foreign Relations Committee to accomplish its object that the President was not apprised that such a resolution was contemplated until after it had been introduced and passed. Not only is the State Department embarrassed by the Lodge resolution, but it is humiliated as well. The resolution asks the department for all the facts in connection with the colonization of the island, which no one has the temerity to deny are in progress with a Japanese syndicate.

As presented by a member of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate to-day, the facts, which constitute a strong prima facie case against the Japanese government, are as follows:

The First Colonization.

Some years ago a syndicate organized in Maine, and known as the Chartered Company of Lower California, obtained a concession from Mexico and purchased between four and five million acres of land, a strip of territory 20 miles long and sixteen miles wide, in the neighborhood of Magdalena Bay. The syndicate believed that the tract contained rich mineral deposits. A careful investigation failed to reveal such deposits. It did reveal, however, that the land was absolutely without value for farming or any other peaceful purpose, except the collection of a species of sea moss used in the manufacture of dye.

Being heavily in debt and without prospect of realizing on its investment, the Chartered Company of Lower California expressed a willingness to sell. Already a small colony of Japanese engaged in the operation of a fish cannery were on the ground.

Appraised by members of this colony of its golden opportunity, the Oriental and Occidental Trading Company, which is connected with the Japanese steamship company plying on the Pacific Coast, immediately made an offer to buy. As this land is useless for farming the Foreign Relations Committee is convinced that the object of the Japanese syndicate is to obtain it for military purposes. In any event, colonization of the American continent by a foreign power is absolutely prohibited by the Monroe doctrine.

WEYLER FOR MOROCCO.

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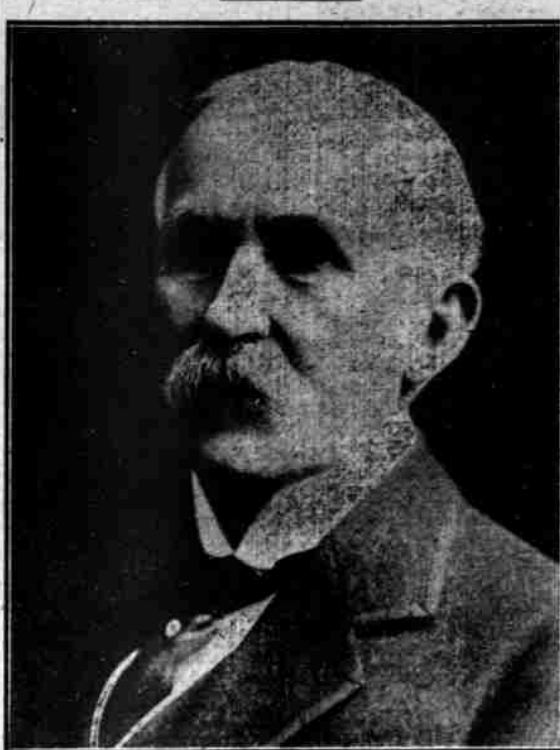
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CALLS SUBURBS WEED PATCHES.



SECRETARY FRANKLIN MACVEAGH.

Cabinet Officer Tells Board of Trade Members Outlying Districts Are Neglected.

ROOSEVELT HITS RULE OF MACHINE

Colonel Makes Whirlwind Campaign Through West Virginia.

AGAIN RIDICULES TAFT

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BANKER SUED FOR DEBT.

Action Brought Against J. A. Stillman, Jr., by Paris Merchants.

New York, April 4.—James A. Stillman, Jr., director of the National City Bank, and his wife, "Pinky" Potter Stillman, are the defendants in a Supreme Court action instituted by a Paris firm for an alleged debt of \$2,075.

Ed. Albert, a Rouff, of Paris, declares that he was contracted by the Stillmans between November 11, 1906, and September 20, 1909, and is still unpaid. They demand a judgment for the amount. According to the complaint the goods were delivered to the New York residence of the defendants.

TROOPS SUMMONED IN UTICA STRIKE

Women Who Throw Pepper in Eyes of Deputies Cause Excitement.

Utica, N. Y., April 4.—The two local companies of the National Guard were ordered out for strike duty at New York Mills and Yorkville to-day, following acrimonious clashes between deputy sheriffs and the textile strikers.

The guardsmen were called for by the sheriff, who was not satisfied that his force of forty men could guard the property of the New York Mills Company in the two villages, which are only a short distance from Utica. Several Polish women attacked the deputies to-day while they were guarding several of the mill foremen en route to work.

The women, it is charged, threw red pepper into the eyes of the officers and a number of them were arrested. The sheriff then ordered all saloons closed and called for the troops.

The foremen were going to the mills for the purpose of keeping up the fire so that water pressure would be available in case of fire. If this had not been done the insurance companies would have cancelled their policies on the property.

One of the women who threw the red pepper and six men who were urging her on were arrested. This made the strikers angry and their attitude became so threatening that Sheriff Becker asked for the aid of the militia. The order for the guardsmen to assemble in the armory was sent out early this morning.

Knock Sells for Cuba.

Port au Prince, April 4.—Secretary of State Knox called this afternoon for Guantanamo, Cuba, where the party transship to the Eagle for Santiago. The American minister to-day entertained the Secretary and President L. Conte at breakfast, at which brief addresses were made. The President offered encouragement to American capital in embarking in Haytian enterprises.

BEGINS NEXT MONDAY APRIL 8

The Washington Herald's BOOKLOVERS' CONTEST

Wherein the skill and industry of the entire city will be tested.

LIST OF FREE PRIZES:

FIRST—A \$1,000 Suburban Restricted Building Lot situated in beautiful Randall Highlands, high above the city's noise, and in garden of thick foliage.

SECOND—A Super Cable "Kingsbury" Inner-Player Piano, with action and touch, valued at \$750. On exhibition at the Percy S. Foster Piano Co., 1120 G street.

THIRD—A Library of Several Hundred Volumes of selected works. Purchased from the well-known Brentano's, at the corner of Twelfth and P streets.

A LONG SERIES OF CASH PRIZES—The Herald has caused the sum of \$100 to be deposited with the Citizens Savings Bank, 1165 New York avenue. This sum will be awarded to winners in savings accounts, as follows: 19 ten-dollar accounts, 26 five-dollar accounts, and 28 one-dollar accounts.

No Entrance Fee. Money to Spend. Nothing to Do But Work Out the Titles. See ad. in To-morrow's Herald.

SUBURBS GROWING LIKE WEED PATCH, SAYS MACVEAGH

Tells Board of Trade Residential Washington Is Neglected for Mall.

NEED OUTLYING PARKS

Lauds L'Enfant and Gov. Shepherd as City's Greatest Men. Urges Publicity.

"That narrow section of Washington known as the Mall, and the few squares that border it on either side, are being improved along magnificent lines, but the remainder of your city is growing up like a patch of weeds."

Such was the declaration of Secretary of the Treasury Franklin MacVeagh in an address delivered last night before the members of the Board of Trade at the New Willard, in which he urged the formation of a plan of development that not only affected the downtown districts, but the suburbs as well.

Mr. MacVeagh declared that residential Washington is growing up with random. He said he realized that many houses are being built each year, but that most of them are erected "without regard for beauty or architecture."

"If you want to make Washington a truly great city," continuing the Secretary, "you must get a plan that is framed along broader lines than those followed heretofore. The improvement of the city must not be confined to a narrow strip. You must be extended so that the city is as broad as it is deep. The plan should be a plan that will be followed by the city fathers and the city people alike. This is the only way to make Washington a truly great city. This is the only way to make Washington a truly great city. This is the only way to make Washington a truly great city."

Need Outlying Parks.

"Washington needs more outlying parks, Potomac and Rock Creek parks are for a course grand in their way, but they do not exactly fill the bill. What is most needed is the so-called neighborhood parks in the outlying residential sections. Washington should also have a system of parks in the outer suburbs. This is the only way to make Washington a truly great city. This is the only way to make Washington a truly great city. This is the only way to make Washington a truly great city."

"The L'Enfant plan for the development of Washington was a most excellent one, but it only provided for a certain limited section. The plan should be extended so that its benefit will be felt in the suburbs."

"L'Enfant and Gov. Shepherd were the two greatest men Washington has ever had. They conceived of a whole. No one else has ever had the imagination to look adequately into the future."

"I realize that to improve the suburban

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POSSE LOOKS FOR A "LUCKY FRIDAY"

Two Remaining Fugitives Will Be Taken on This Day, Says Hillsville.

Hillsville, Va., April 4.—Carroll County, hearing nothing that might point to a capture to-day or to-night of the outlaws Sidus Allen and George Edwards, is awaiting hopefully its "lucky Friday."

Oddly, no Friday has passed since the courthouse tragedy which has not seen the capture of one or more of the Allen clan. It has become almost a superstition here that the last two fugitives are taken it will also be on a Friday, either to-morrow or some succeeding one.

As the time draws nearer for the trial of the captured clansmen, there is the end of speculation as to what the evidence against each individual of the clan will be. The opinion has prevailed hitherto that Fred, the baby of the family, only seventeen years old, will, perhaps, get a short prison term, but County Clerk Dexter Good declared to-day that there is as much evidence against the pink-checked Allen as there is against any of the others—that it will be proved he shot, and shot with the intention of killing.

The same evidence, according to Good, extends against Victor Allen, son of old Floyd, who has consistently vowed that he did not even have a gun in the courthouse. It will be shown, the clerk says, that Victor did fire several shots and that he was aiming at the court officers who were killed. The question of where the trial will be held has not yet been decided, but it is the opinion of every one here that it will be in Roanoke. Any other place hereabouts would be in the circuit of the late Judge Maule, and the prisoners would be sure to encounter hostility.

Starkers continue daily to roach Hillsville to the effect that battles have been fought, detectives killed, and the outlaws wounded and captured, but they all turn out to be baseless.

Harvard Union Election.